

**Governor Kaine's Proposed Language to Standards of Accreditation
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8 VAC 20-131-140. College and career preparation programs and opportunities for postsecondary credit

Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, all middle schools must develop and maintain a personal Academic and Career Plan for each seventh- and eighth grade student that includes specific components established by the Board. Beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year, students who transfer into a Virginia school after their eighth grade year must have an Academic and Career Plan developed upon enrollment. The components of the Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the student's educational goals and program of study for high school graduation and a postsecondary career pathway based on the student's academic and career interests. The Academic and Career plan must be developed and signed by the student, student's parent or guardian, and school official(s) designated by the principal. The Plan will be included in the student's record and must be reviewed and updated, if necessary, before the student enters the ninth and eleventh grades. The school will have met its obligation for parental involvement if it makes a good faith effort to notify the parent or guardian of the responsibility for the development and approval of the Plan.